## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Original): A compound of the general formula (1):

$$X \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow R_1 \longrightarrow R_2 \longrightarrow R_5$$
 (1)

## wherein

X, Y and Z are independently H, halogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl, halo $(C_{2-4})$ alkynyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl, halo $(C_{2-4})$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxy,  $-S(O)_n(C_{1-4})$ alkyl where n is 0, 1 or 2 and the alkyl group is optionally substituted with fluoro,  $-OSO_2(C_{1-4})$ alkyl where the alkyl group is optionally substituted with fluoro, cyano, nitro,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxycarbonyl, -CONR'R'', -COR', -NR'COR'' or -NR'COOR''' where R' and R'' are independently H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl and R''' is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, provided that at least one of X and Z is other than H;

R<sub>1</sub> is alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkylsulphinylalkyl or alkylsulphonylalkyl in which the total number of carbon atoms is 2 or 3;

 $R_2$  is H,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxymethyl or benzyloxymethyl in which the phenyl ring of the benzyl moiety is optionally substituted with  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy;  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are independently H,  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-3}$  alkenyl or  $C_{2-3}$  alkynyl provided that both are not H and that when both are other than H their combined total of carbon atoms does not exceed 4, or

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> join with the carbon atom to which they are attached to form a 3 or 4 membered carbocyclic ring optionally containing one O, S or N atom and optionally substituted with halo or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

 $R_5$  is H,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl in which the alkyl or cycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with halo, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylcarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyloxy, mono- or di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylaminocarbonyloxy, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl where n is 0, 1 or 2, triazolyl, tri( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylsilyloxy, optionally substituted phenoxy, optionally substituted thienyloxy, optionally substituted benzyloxy or optionally substituted thienylmethoxy, or

 $R_5$  is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted thienyl or optionally substituted benzyl, in which the optionally substituted phenyl and thienyl rings of the  $R_5$  values are optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, mercapto,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_2$ .

4 alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyloxy,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyloxy, halo( $C_{1-4}$ )alkyl, halo( $C_{1-4}$ )alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylthio, halo( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylthio, hydroxy( $C_{1-4}$ )alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy( $C_{1-4}$ )alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$  cyclo-

alkyl( $C_{14}$ )alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, benzyloxy, cyano, isocyano, thiocyanato, isothiocyanato, nitro, -NR<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>m</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>, -CONR<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>m</sup>, -OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>m</sup>, -COR<sup>m</sup>, -CR<sup>m</sup>=NR<sup>n</sup> or -N=CR<sup>m</sup>R<sup>n</sup>, in which R<sup>m</sup> and R<sup>n</sup> are independently hydrogen,  $C_{14}$  alkyl, halo( $C_{14}$ )alkyl,  $C_{14}$  alkoxy, halo( $C_{14}$ )alkoxy,  $C_{14}$  alkylthio,  $C_{36}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{36}$  cycloalkyl( $C_{14}$ )alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl groups being optionally substituted with halogen,  $C_{14}$  alkyl or  $C_{14}$  alkoxy.

Claim 2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X, Y and Z are all chloro or methyl, or X and Z are both chloro or bromo and Y is H or methyl, or X and Z are both methyl or methoxy and Y is H, chloro, bromo or alkylthio, or X is methoxy, Y is H and Z is cyano or chloro, or X is methyl, Y is H and Z is ethyl, or X is chloro, bromo or trifluoromethyl and both Y and Z are H.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1 er wherein R<sub>1</sub> is methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, ethoxymethyl, 2-methylthioethyl.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim1 er 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is methoxymethyl.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): A compound according to any one of the proceding claims claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is H.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): A compound according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein both R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are methyl.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): A compound according to any-one-of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein R<sub>5</sub> is H, methyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, 1-methoxyethyl, *tert*-butyldimethyl-siloxymethyl, 3-cyanopropyl, 3-methoxypropyl, 3-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl, 3-methylthiopropyl, 3-methylpropyl or 3-methanesulphonylpropyl.

Claim 8. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X, Y and Z are independently H, halogen,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl, halo $(C_{2-4})$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxy, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl where n is 0, 1 or 2 and the alkyl group is optionally substituted with fluoro, -OSO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl where the alkyl group is optionally substituted with fluoro, cyano, nitro,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxycarbonyl, -CONR'R", -COR' or -NR'COR" where R' and R" are independently H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, provided that at least one of X and Z is other than H;